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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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US SECRET SERVICE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, PINR, LE, US

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF "DR." TRAVIS BENKENDORFOR

REF: BEIRUT 8720

1. DATT AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MISSION SHOULD HAVE NO  
HESITANCY IN ASSURING GOL INQUIRERS THAT BENKENDORFOR IS  
NOT RPT NOT WORKING FOR OR IN BEHALF OF USG.

2. FROM PREVIOUS TRAFFIC RELATED TO SUBJECT, BEIRUT IS  
AWARE OF SOME OF RELEVANT INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN DEPT,  
WE DO NOT BELIEVE YOU SHOULD INITIATE FURTHER EFFORTS TO  
CONTACT BENKENDORFOR, ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE MISCHIEF-  
MAKING POTENTIAL OF HIS ALLEGED EFFORTS IN LEBANON TO  
INTIMATE ASSOCIATION WITH USG. IF THAT IS HIS GAME,  
CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY COULD BE EMPLOYED TO "SUBSTANTIATE"  
HIS CLAIMS. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WE PREFER TO HANDLE  
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SITUATION BY CATEGORIC DENIAL CONTAINED ABOVE TO GOL

OFFICIALS SEEKING TO "CHECK HIM OUT."

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU MAY  
ACQUIRE RE ALLEGED BENKENDORFOR ACTIVITIES IN THIS VEIN.  
ROBINSON

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